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Applicant(s): WHITT, Michael A. et al. Examiner: Maria Marvich
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Title: RECOMBINANT MUTANTS OF RHABDOVIRUS AND METHODS OF
USE THEREOF

SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Madam:

This Response is filed in response to the Election Requirement dated July 27, 2006 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A Response to the July 27, 2006 Office Action is due August 27, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Applicants elect a mutation encoding for a methionine substitution at position 33 with traverse.

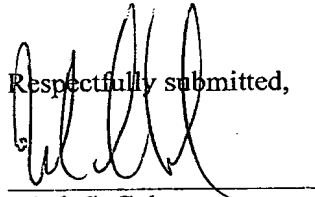
Applicants maintain that it is not an undue burden for the Examiner to search a recombinant non-cytopathic Rhabdovirus with a methionine substitution at position 33 or 51 in the region encoding a matrix protein. Applicants demonstrated that both positions are important in M protein-induced cytopathic effects (page 53, paragraph 222).

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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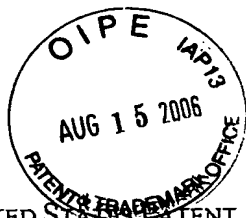
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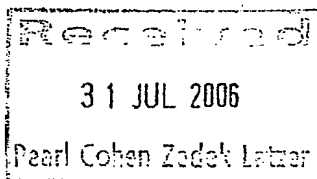
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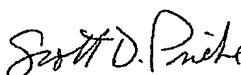
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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The communication filed on 5/4/06 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed on 4/5/06. To be completely responsive to the restriction requirement mailed 4/5/06, applicants should have selected a single mutation from the group of 1) an alanine residue for a methionine residue at either position 33 or 2) position 51 or 3) a serine for a glycine at position 226. Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, effective, March 21, 2001, in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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